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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit 3724
Examiner Nguyen :

In re application of :
Flaherty et al. : CNC SLITTER
MACHINE

Serial No. 10/008,936 :

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
December 20, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action issued on September 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application (the "subject application"), Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the subject application (hereinafter the "Applicant"), respectfully submits the following:

The Claims have not been further amended herein. The listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper reflects the claims as amended in Applicant's May 24, 2004 Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 26 of this paper.